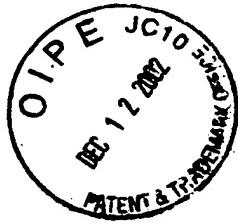


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JOHN A. BECKMAN)
Serial No. 09/025,531)
Filed: February 18, 1998)
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)
A VEHICLE FRAME ASSEMBLY)
INCLUDING HYDROFORMED SIDE)
RAILS HAVING INTEGRALLY)
FORMED MOUNTING AREAS)
Group Art Unit 3726
Examiner Trinh Nguyen
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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It is respectfully requested that the period of time in which to respond to the Office Action dated June 4, 2002 be extended three months, up to and including December 4, 2002, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-0005 in the amount of \$920.00 to cover the fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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